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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to Sections 609 and 707.05(b) of the MPEP and 37 CFR 1.97-1.99, copies are herewith submitted of documents which may be pertinent to the invention as claimed in the above-identified application. The attached form PTO-1449 lists these documents.

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